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SUBJ: APARTMENT SCANDALHOA "SIT-IN" AT CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

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1. ON JULY 24, FOUR NDP, ONE DUP, AND ONE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN BEGAN "SIT-IN" AT CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE IN REACTION TO RULING CAMP'S REFUSAL TO HOLD COMMITTEE MEETING DEALING WITH APARTMENT SCANDAL. THEY PROMISE TO CONTINUE THEIR SIT-IN THROUGH JULY 26.

2. ON JULY 21, THESE SIX ASSEMBLYMEN SUBMITTED AN OFFICIAL REQUEST TO CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CITING ARTICLE 47 OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LAW WHICH STATES A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WILL CONVENE A COMMITTEE AT REQUEST OF ONE-THIRD OF ITS MEMBERS. RULING CAMP INTERPRETS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LAWS IN SUCH A WAY THAT ARTICLE 47 IN ITSELF IS NOT BINDING ON COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

3. CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE IS UNIQUE AMONG ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES IN HAVING 6 OF 17 MEMBERS WITH STRONG OPPOSITION CREDEN-
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TIALS, AND THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE WE CAN RECALL WHERE OPPOSITION ASSEMBLYMENT HAVE MUSTERED SUFFICIENT VOTES TO USE ARTICLE 47.

4. PRESS REPORTS (A) CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL TIME TO CONSIDER MATTER, AND (B) SPEAKER CHUNG IL-KWON INTENDS TO DISCUSS MATTER

WITH OPPOSITION AND RULING CAMP FLOOR LEADERS.

COMMENT: BY THIS UNUSUAL ACTION, OPPOSITION HAS CLEARLY
PUT BALL IN RULING PARTY'S COURT, BUT IT IS AS YET
UNCLEAR WHETHER RULING PARTY WILL ABANDON ITS OPPOSITION
TO CONVENING THE COMMITTEE SESSION.
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